magnetic layer <u>has</u> [is composed of] a perpendicular magnetization [film].

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are now pending in the application, with Claims 1, 6 and 7 being independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and 5 has been amended herein. The foregoing amendments have been made to Claim 5 to make it compatible with amended Claim 1.

Favorable consideration and early Allowance are respectfully requested.

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